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- Shiao Min Huang provided a summary of applicants invention and explained how applicants believe Leinberger operates.
- Robert Hails presented reasons as to why Leinberger does not teach draft claim 1 as recited in attachment.
- Examiner Chao presented results of updated search, Walser, which teaches iterating a constraint model using different starting variables. In the case of Bin Packing, job sizes and bins are the only variables, therefore performing multiple iterations of a Bin Packing process, described in Leinberger, would be obvious in view of Walser.
- Examiner does not believe draft claim 1 would overcome Leinberger, in view of Walser.
- Since the applicant was not aware of Walser prior to the interview, it was agreed that applicant would review reference and a followup interview would be scheduled prior to Thursday of the following week (6/18/2009).